



PROGRESS REPORT NO. 72

TO: Helen Bottcher – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - via Email

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RE: Upper Columbia River (UCR) Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study
(RI/FS) - Progress Report No. 72 Month Ending June 2012

Pursuant to Paragraph 39 of the June 2, 2006 Settlement Agreement (Agreement), the following is intended to provide a summary of activities completed during the past month in compliance with the aforementioned Agreement. It is also intended to provide a brief summary of pending and on-going activities.

Comments on the draft Quality Assurance Project Plan for the Phase 2 Sediment Study (March 2011) have been received and the document is being revised. Pursuant to the Agreement, a draft final version of the aforementioned Quality Assurance Project Plan will be submitted for EPA's review and approval no later than July 26, 2012. Once the draft final version has been submitted, TAI will begin applying for the necessary permits to complete the work described therein. In addition, TAI will work with the EPA and the Cultural Resources Working Group to ensure that cultural resources are protected. Consistent with other RI/FS sampling programs completed to date, TAI will ensure that a Professional Archeologist meeting the Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualification Standards is available. TAI will continue working towards ensuring that field sampling activities associated with this work is completed in the 2012 calendar year.

At the time of writing, definitive timelines for the submission of draft reports associated with white sturgeon toxicity studies have not been determined. TAI will continue to work cooperatively with EPA in evaluating and determining appropriate schedules for the submission of the aforementioned draft reports.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 509-623-4585.